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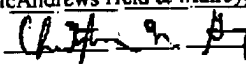
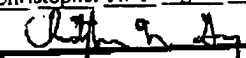
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PATENT APPLICATION OF:

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SERIAL NO.: 10/614,421

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FOR: Release Mechanism for Enabling  
Manual Manipulation of a Motorized  
C-Arm

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The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the

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